

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 4339-03  
Bill No.: Truly Agreed and Finally Passed SCS for HB 1783  
Subject: Disabilities; Education, Elementary and Secondary  
Type: Original  
Date: May 6, 2002

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**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
Certification of Interpreters Fund	(Unknown)	(Unknown)	(Unknown)
Missouri Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Fund*	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds</b>	<b>(Unknown)</b>	<b>(Unknown)</b>	<b>(Unknown)</b>

**\*Total Income and Expenditures are Unknown**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.

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## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education - Missouri Commission for the Deaf (MCD)** stated that the proposal would allow the MCD to compensate evaluation team members for their service. Currently, all interpreters must pay a fee in order to test and become certified. The fees are deposited into the "Certification of Interpreters Fund" and are used to pay all costs associated with maintaining the interpreter certification systems. Moneys from that fund would be used to pay the evaluators if the proposal were to pass. The fees are adjusted to ensure that there are sufficient funds available to operate the certification system. DESE officials also noted that this legislation allows, rather than requires, MCD to pay evaluators.

**Oversight** assumes that since the language in the proposal is permissive, costs will not be incurred unless MCD opts to pay evaluators. If they do decide to pay the evaluators, this would be a decision item in the budget process.

Officials from the **Office of State Treasurer (STO)** assume that this legislation, as written, would necessitate one FTE at the Accounting Analyst I level with an annual salary of \$32,616, fringe benefits of \$11,745 and the corresponding expense and equipment of \$4,080 for administration of the fund, plus administrative costs for the support of this position. The STO assumes their office would be required to approve all disbursements from the Missouri Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Fund. The STO currently does not approve disbursements.

**Oversight** assumes that the limited budget of the Missouri Commission for the Deaf would not require a full time FTE to approve disbursements and these duties could be absorbed with existing resources.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2003 (10 Mo.)	FY 2004	FY 2005
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### **CERTIFICATION OF INTERPRETERS FUND**

Cost - Transfer to Missouri Commission  
for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Fund  
Costs for purchase of goods or services

(Unknown)	(Unknown)	(Unknown)
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### **ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON CERTIFICATION OF INTERPRETERS FUND**

<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>
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<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2003 (10 Mo.)	FY 2004	FY 2005
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**MISSOURI COMMISSION FOR THE  
 DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING  
 FUND**

<u>Transfer</u> - Transfer from Certification of Interpreters Fund for purchase of goods or services	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
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<u>Cost</u> - Purchase of goods or services	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>
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**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON  
 MISSOURI COMMISSION FOR THE  
 DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING  
 FUND**

<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
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<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2003 (10 Mo.)	FY 2004	FY 2005
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<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
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FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

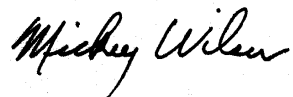
DESCRIPTION

This proposed legislation changes the name of the Missouri Commission for the Deaf to the Missouri Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and creates a fund for the commission in the state treasury for funds appropriated and transferred or paid to the commission for its goods and services. The proposal permits members on teams that evaluate interpreters for the deaf to be compensated; currently, evaluators receive expense reimbursements. The Board of Certification for Interpreters shall recognize the following certificates: National Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf and the National Association of the Deaf.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education  
Office of State Treasurer

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